

NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Government Affairs Committee

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

4:00 p.m.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lembke at 4:02 p.m. Participating in the meeting were the following:

Committee Members

Karl Lembke, Chair, Bismarck

Patti Stedman, West Fargo

Marlana Knudson, May-Port CG

Jason Rohr, Jamestown

Mike Lautenschlager, Lewis & Clark

Robin Nelson, Fargo

Staff

Alexis Baxley

Taylor Lassiter

Committee Members Absent

Collette Hertz, Harvey

Lucas Greff, Mott/Regent

Baxley reviewed the agenda and the options available to the committee for four year old resolutions. No new resolutions were submitted by member districts for consideration.

RESOLUTIONS THAT ARE FOUR YEARS OLD AND SCHEDULED TO BE DROPPED

A. FUNDING

4. FEDERAL IMPACT AID FUNDING. NDSBA shall support full funding by the federal government for federally impacted schools.

Adopted in 2011; re-adopted in 2015 and 2019.

5. NON-EDUCATION FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOR SAFETY ISSUES INCLUDING SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AND HEALTH AND NURSING SERVICES. NDSBA shall seek legislation that commits additional non-education resources to provision of these necessary services so school districts may continue to provide for educational needs of students and receive support necessary to continue these very important non-educational services necessary to ensure safety and health of all students in the state of North Dakota.

Adopted in 2003; re-adopted in 2007 and 2011; amended and re-adopted in 2015; re-adopted in 2019.

6. K-12 FUNDING ADEQUACY. NDSBA will take a lead role in discussions on continuing the commitment to “adequate funding” that the state has made to K-12 education.

Adopted in 2003; re-adopted in 2007 and 2011; amended and readopted in 2015; re-adopted in 2019.

B. FINANCE AND OTHER FUNDING

1. SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTIONS OF SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS. NDSBA shall support the state making supplies and materials purchased by school districts through contracts with contractors for construction projects exempt from sales and use tax.

Adopted in 2003; re-adopted in 2007, 2011, 2015, and 2019.

C. STANDARDS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. CURRICULUM CONTENT. NDSBA shall oppose state or national efforts to further define and mandate specific curriculum content.

Adopted in 2011; re-adopted in 2015 and 2019.

E. NEGOTIATIONS

3. REMOVING COMPENSATION FROM NEGOTIATIONS. NDSBA shall support legislation amending the collective bargaining law to exclude compensation.

Adopted in 2007; re-adopted in 2011, 2015, and 2019.

G. BOARD AUTHORITY AND BOARD MINUTES

2. PUBLISHING MINUTES. NDSBA will support legislation and seek sponsorship for legislation which would amend the requirement that school boards pay to publish minutes as defined NDCC 15.1-09-31.

Adopted in 1991; amended and re-adopted in 1995 and 1999; amended and re-Adopted in 2003; re-adopted in 2007; amended and re-adopted in 2011; re-adopted in 2015 and 2019.

Rohr moved to recommend resolutions A4, B1, C1, and E3 for re-adoption as written. Stedman seconded the motion, and it carried.

Nelson moved to recommend resolution A5 for re-adoption as amended (amendments follow). Stedman seconded the motion, and it carried.

- A5. NON-EDUCATION FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOR SAFETY ISSUES INCLUDING SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AND HEALTH AND NURSING SERVICES. NDSBA shall ~~seek~~ **support** legislation that commits additional non-education resources to provision of these necessary services so school districts may continue to provide for educational needs of students and receive support necessary to continue these very important non-educational services necessary to ensure safety and health of all students in the state of North Dakota.

Stedman moved to recommend resolution A6 for re-adoption as amended (amendments follow). Nelson seconded the motion, and it carried.

A6. K-12 FUNDING ~~ADEQUACY~~. NDSBA ~~will take a lead role in discussions on continuing the commitment to “adequate funding” that the state has made to K-12 education.~~ supports the continuous commitment to sufficient K-12 funding by the state.

Stedman moved to recommend resolution G2 for re-adoption as amended (amendments follow). Rohr seconded the motion, and it carried.

G2. PUBLISHING ~~MINUTES~~ REQUIREMENTS. NDSBA ~~will~~ shall support legislation ~~and seek sponsorship for legislation which would amend the requirement that school boards pay to publish minutes as defined in NDCC 15.1-09-31~~ to provide flexibility and reduced-cost or cost-free options to school districts in meeting the publishing requirements set forth by North Dakota Century Code that include, but are not limited to, records of board proceedings, notices, call for bids, and annual reports.

Having completed committee business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Taylor Lassiter, Recording Secretary